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MEMORANDUM FOR P - MR. BARRETT

SUBJECT: Items for PSB Meeting

I believe that much of the Board's meeting this afternoon may be devoted to organization for Mr. Gray's staff and related administrative problems. You will note that under Tab B of the papers prepared by the Dulles committee, Mr. Gray as Director may "recommend to the Board such special administrative personnel and logistical support as may be required from appropriate departments and agencies be made available." As I reported to you the other day, it is understood that Mr. Lovett has already asked the Army, Navy and Air Force to supply two secretaries each to Mr. Gray's staff.

As to the State Department's possible contribution, I am attaching a memorandum from Mr. W. K. Scott of Mr. Humelsine's office prepared after talking with Mr. Webb. The Scott memo notes that the Budget Bureau will probably require some money from each agency -- Defense, State and CIA -- for financing the organization. Mr. Crutcher of A/MS feels that the State contribution will probably be requested from USIE funds. The question, therefore, is how much money you would care to spend from USIE. In preparing the current USIE budget it would probably be well to provide for such a contribution and request additional funds to offset it. I do not think you will be in a position to tell the Board this afternoon the exact contribution State would make, but we can have a recommendation ready for you to take to the next meeting of the Board. It will help if you could ask Mr. Gray what his tentative requirement would be from us.

I note that Mr. Scott quotes Mr. Webb as feeling that the Board should be housed in New State or the immediate vicinity. This appears to be a shift from your tentative position that the Board should be housed in a neutral building.

For your information, Mr. Crutcher has been given the job of helping work out the Board's administrative and physical arrangements in general, in collaboration with Mr. Scott.

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Substantive subjects which may come up this afternoon.

1. The Board may establish its tentative rules of procedure this afternoon, in which case you will recall that after talking it over with Mr. Phillips and me you decided tentatively in favor of requiring the presence of two members of the Board to constitute a quorum. I am still of the opinion that the requirement of one member and the Director should be sufficient and is about the limit of consistent attendance by Board members that we can expect. In the proposed table of organization prepared by the Dulles Committee, you will note the sentence, "each member of the Board will designate a deputy . . . . in the absence of the three principal Board members in any meeting, the Director will act as Chairman." If this proposed procedure is approved, it would appear to have the effect of allowing the Board to do business without the necessity of any of its actual members being present.

2. Project Recommendations: I believe you are in a position to inform the Board that the State Department and the present Psychological Operations Coordinating Committee have in process several projects which they expect to transmit to the top Board in the near future with recommendations. These include the following:

- a. The defection of Communist China from the USSR.
- b. Detailed D Day propaganda plans now being prepared in POC/S.
- c. A contingency plan against the possible death of Premier Stalin, known as "Plan Cancellation."
- d. The establishment of psychological warfare channels by the U. S. and other members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.
- e. The plan to expand the psychological warfare operations on economic themes, and the improvement of existing inter-agency coordination on psychological output on economic matters.
- f. Preparation of the National Psychological Strategy Plan for Period 1 November 1951 - 1 November 1952.

In addition to the above subjects, which are already under active consideration, you may wish to call attention to the additional recommended problems for the Board suggested in the Dulles papers:

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- a. A strategic plan for Iran and measures for immediate application.
- b. A psychological plan for India.
- c. National policy measures designed to increase desired defections.
- d. Psychological strategy with regard to universal desire for peace.

It is suggested that you encourage the Board to allow the present POC, and the State Department P area to continue planning on those projects which are already in the mill and submit detailed recommendations to PSB. If the Board desires, the POC might usefully continue indefinitely to develop psychological plans and projects in detail for submission to the Board for consideration and approval. You may also wish to invite the new Board to delegate specific operational and planning projects to the present POC for detailed study and or implementation. Such a procedure would seem to insure continuing and useful workload for the present Board under your chairmanship.

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